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Survey of Soviet Fuel Dump at Schleife

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The fuel dump is located at the former German ammunition depot in the Muskau Forest, about 2,000 meters west of Schleife (O 52/A 54). The depot is connected with the Schleife railroad station by a spur track. In 1945, part of the ammunition depot was destroyed. In 1949, the Soviets reconstructed it as a fuel depot, utilizing the underground storage facilities of the former ammunition depot. In December 1951, it was reported, that 17 additional fuel containers arrived at the dump from Mittweida. * Other fuel containers have been dug into the ground and are protected by earth walls. The installation has an estimated storage capacity of about 5,000 cubic meters. Two steel containers, each of them with a capacity of 100 cubic meters, and about 200 steel containers with a capacity of 25 cubic meters each are available at the depot. The installation probably is assigned to the GDFG since it is only seldom mentioned in transportation reports. Fuel is delivered there directly by the Soviet Zone hydrogenation plants. Outgoing fuel shipments observed there included limited deliveries to units of the Third and First Gds Weiz Armies and in some cases to other large fuel depots. Fuel is shipped to the depot by rail. From the railroad tank cars, the gasoline is pumped into the containers through pipe lines. It is believed that the dump is filled to capacity. There were no indications that it is intended to store aviation gasoline at the depot.

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